

come here in the last ten years know who introduced the bill but it is a good office. It has served to curb the excesses of state government many times. I introduced the bill that provided for the Department of Environmental Control and now we have a lot of Johnny-come-latelies in the business of environment improvement who think they thought up the idea but it was my bill back in 1971 which created the department. I have introduced bills that have, I think, done more to enforce the collection of child support for divorced women than any other man in the State of Nebraska. That could be called a special interest. I have introduced and passed into law, even though at the time I had nine A.D.C. mothers in Butler County, a bill which increased the A.D.C. payments. That could be called a special interest. I have passed into law, bills that were supported by various banks which at the time, incidentally, were opposed by the banking association and now the banks come along and they want to extend and liberalize that very legislation. I suppose I could have been called a tool of a special interest for banks at that time. I introduced the bill which provided for the return of state funds to the State of Nebraska to be invested in Nebraska banks, to be borrowed by Nebraska citizens. The Nebraska Bankers' Association opposed the bill for two years and then finally endorsed it. I suppose that could have been called special interest legislation. Nebraska refused to pass the federally mandated pesticide legislation and many people said there were going to be terrible things that would happen if that bill did not become law but Nebraska didn't knuckle under the federal government and it is business as usual in the State of Nebraska and all of the terrible things that were supposed to happen, didn't happen. I introduced the bill, the medical malpractice bill, that became law and there were people who called me a tool of the doctors. I also introduced and passed into law the physician's assistant bill which was opposed by the medical association but very strangely the press chose to ignore the fact that I did introduce this bill which was opposed by the medical association. I assisted some of you, and Senator Hoagland was one of those, in enforcing meaningful cost containment legislation on medical cost in the last session of the Legislature, not exactly welcomed enthusiastically by members of the health care profession. I have supported those bills, which the educators wanted in the area of school finance, enthusiastically even though the educators vigorously and vehemently opposed the personal property tax exemption bill which we drafted and passed. I think I could go on and on and on and recite many of the bills that I introduced